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I was thrilled to find an address I could use to let you know that the Microsoft case is the silliest thing I have ever seen.

In high school, we studied about breaking up monopolies, and I believed the line that monopolies stifle the market. This may be true in steel production, but not in the idea arena. It seems that all that happened is that Microsoft spent millions defending itself against the government which spent millions trying to break up the company.

The Bell Telephone company was broken up. Friends had to move away after their jobs vanished. Now service (repairs) is not very good and even Ameritech has put on (twice) packages of services that I never ordered.

I don't think that breaking up the telephone company facilitated the development of telephones, and I don't think that breaking up Microsoft will facilitate the improvement of computers.

Sincerely,

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